

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 86

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Watson Decator Snyder
of Mountain City.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Watson "Wat" Decator "Doc" Snyder; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Snyder was a principled man, renowned for his honesty and fair treatment of others among his family, friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, born September 22, 1912, the second child of Roy Mineyard and Mary Alice Grindstaff Snyder of Johnson County, he was a lifelong citizen of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Snyder grew up cultivating his parent's farm, his uncle's farm, and his grandfather Grindstaff's farm; and

WHEREAS, W. D. Snyder attended Valley Forge Elementary School and Hampton High School in Carter County, where he was an outstanding basketball player; and

WHEREAS, throughout his youth, W. D. Snyder, known as "Wat" to his family and "Doc" to his friends, helped his family by earning money at a variety of jobs; and

WHEREAS, upon graduating from high school, Mr. Snyder worked to support his family and put his older brother and younger sisters through college; and

WHEREAS, after his marriage to Zola White in 1940, Mr. Snyder worked as a farmer, and from 1948 to 1967 he owned and operated a car dealership; and

WHEREAS, W. D. Snyder was a lover of nature and the land, a friend to the youth of his community, and he always endeavored to live his life according to Christian values; and

WHEREAS, "Wat/Doc" Snyder was a member of Taylorsville Masonic Lodge Number 243 F&AM; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Snyder was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Snyder enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Zola White Snyder, a former teacher and employee of the Johnson County school system, and was the proud parent of Lynn Snyder and Joel Patrick Snyder; and

WHEREAS, he will also be greatly missed by his five brothers, Jason Worley Snyder, Maywood Snyder, Benjamin Snyder, Floyd Snyder, and John D. Snyder, and his three sisters, Hazel Snyder Bashor, Myrtle Snyder Taylor, and Wanda Frantz Elliott; and

WHEREAS, he was much beloved by his two grandsons, Daniel Decator Snyder and Shane Snyder, and his great-granddaughter, Shianti Snyder, and several nieces and nephews and a host of friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Snyder was preceded in death by his son, Scotty Lane Snyder, and a brother, Dudley Snyder; and

WHEREAS, W. D. Snyder was a good Christian, an honest businessman, a loving husband and father, and a trusted neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Watson Decator Snyder leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Watson "Wat" Decator "Doc" Snyder, reflecting

fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living his life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Watson "Wat" Decator "Doc" Snyder.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.